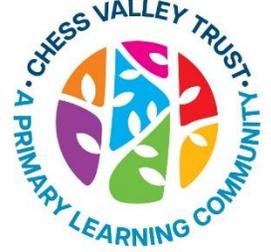




CHRIST CHURCH CHORLEYWOOD

"What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow"

***Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-
control***



Friday 22nd November 2024

Newsletter 5 - Autumn Term 2024

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we only have four weeks left of the first term of the academic year, it is certainly going very quickly. There have been lots of lovely things happening in school and to look forward to in the weeks ahead. We are all looking forward to the PSA Christmas Fair, take some time to familiarize yourself with timings for various drop off dates and read about what has been happening in school.

School News

Year 4 Visit to St Albans



On Wednesday 20th November, Year 4 visited St Albans Cathedral to discover more about the Romans in our local area. As well as meeting a Roman legionnaire and learning about his armour (which was very heavy!), the children acted out the story of St Alban. In the afternoon, they enjoyed exploring the mosaics found in the Roman city of Verulamium before designing and creating their own mosaic tiles using tesserae. To complete the day, the children explored Verulamium Park, including some time spent at the remains of the Roman wall and the London Gate, which served as the main entrance to the city.

Year 1 Visit to Christ Church



Year 1 class have been learning about being baptized. This week they visited Christ Church where Tim Butterworth talked to the children about what it means to be baptized and learnt about different parts of the church including the font. The Children remembered lots about their visit.

"It means you are joining the church family" Otilie

"You get your head wet with Holy Water" Kirsty

"Mummy and Daddy and the Godparents are there, the Godparents help the Mummy and Daddy and teach the baby all about God and being nice and kind"

Otilie

"I asked Tim lots of good questions" Theo

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House Captains

Well done to Year 6 children who presented their case to be House Captains, they did so with confidence. The children in school then voted for their preferred House Captain, in many cases it was closely run. Our House Captains this year are:

Oak: Simi and Lincoln

Ash: Ayrah and Arthur

Sycamore: Lois and Laurie

Beech: Bea and Seb



Dates for your Diary:

KS2 Parent Consultations

Next week are KS2 parent consultations. These will be held in the school hall. Please enter the school via the side entrance signposted for the office.

EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performances Thursday 5th December

We are really looking forward to our Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity performances. It has been wonderful listening to the children rehearse their lines and songs in preparation, you are in for a real treat.

Nursery and Reception Class will be performing 'A King is Born' on **Thursday 5th December at 10.30am**

Years 1 & 2 will be performing 'Born in a Barn' on **Thursday 5th December at 2pm**

Each child may have 2 guests come along to watch the performance - unfortunately owing to space limitations, we cannot offer any additional places.

We also cannot have any younger siblings in the audience, so please make arrangements for them to be looked after.



PSA News

Christmas Fair Friday 13th December in the Junction

The PSA are busy planning our Christmas Fair to be held in The Junction after school on Friday 13th December from 3-5.00pm. Below are the collection dates for various items.

Collection Dates

Collection dates for **Jazzy Jars, Chocolates, and Bottles** of either wine or Mogu Mogu soft drink at drop off and pick up at the school gate will be on:

- **Wednesday 4th December**
- **Friday 6th December**
- **Tuesday 10th December**

Individual cakes

- **Friday 13th December at drop off:**
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Allergy advice: We would ask that you please make a note of the ingredients if you are kind enough to bake cakes.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to receiving your goodies on the above dates and inviting you to join in the fun on Friday 13th December.

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Chorleywood Lantern Parade –Friday 6th December



The Chorleywood Festive Evening is on Friday 6th December. It starts with a lantern parade which will light up Chorleywood and start the festive season - bringing together the whole community in a creative way to share in the spirit of the season and have a fun.

Lantern-making is easy and fun! The lanterns are hand-crafted from willow twigs (withies) and wet strength tissue paper, lit by battery powered lights and suspended on, or carried by, bamboo canes. Simple lanterns, like a basic pyramid, can be made using twigs collected from the garden but any that necessitate curved framework must be made for pliable branches, ideally willow.

Lantern Workshops

You can make your lantern at one of the **free Lantern Making sessions** in NOVEMBER (materials provided)

- Sunday 24 November, 10am – 2pm, The Scout Hut, Orchard Drive
- Sunday 1 December, 12 – 4pm, The Scout Hut, Orchard Drive

You need to register to make your lantern or to pick up materials to make one at home (donations to our chosen charity welcome) but you can drop-in at any time over the session times shown .

[www//bit.ly/LANTERN24](http://www.bit.ly/LANTERN24)



Alternatively, scan the QR code below.

For more information follow the Chorleywood Christmas Festival visit <https://chorleywoodmagazine.co.uk/lantern-parade/>

Our school choir will be singing at the event.

Santa Dash

This festive fun run is open to everyone – children and adults of all ages and abilities are welcome. Monies raised will be donated to Mission Employable and Christ Church School PSA. The fun run takes place on Chorleywood Common on **Saturday 9th December 11:30am – 2pm.**

School Uniform

As the weather is turning colder and wetter, please ensure your child has a coat in school each day and a change of shoes if you walk to school. Please also ensure that all your child's uniform is named including coats, gloves, scarves etc.

School Closure Policy – Inclement Weather

With the weather turning colder and the surprise flurry of snow this week it is important to understand the School Closure Policy .

The *School Closure Policy* in times of inclement weather and hazardous conditions has the safety of all members of the school community as its main purpose. The school takes the responsibility for the safety and welfare of pupils and staff very seriously. When making any decision to close the school a number of factors have to be taken into consideration.

- Road access for emergency vehicles.
- Safety of the school site and car park.
- Ability of enough staff (to meet required safe staffing levels/ratios) to get to work without putting themselves at risk.
- Ability of pupils and parents to get to school without putting themselves at risk.
- Advice from the local authority.
- Advice from the emergency services.

In the event of a school closure due to inclement weather conditions or other emergency, the school will take the following action:

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1. The Trust CEO in consultation with the Headteacher, takes responsibility for any decision to close the school - where possible the decision to close will be made at/around 7.00am on the morning of closure, or maybe the night before depending on conditions.
2. The CEO & Headteacher will consult appropriate staff at Christ Church School before making an informed decision to close the school. All staff will then be notified that the school is closed.
3. Parents/carers will be informed of school closures via email & text.
4. Arrangements for severe weather may include later start times (after 8.40am) and/or early finishes (before 3.15pm), depending on guidance from weather forecasts and local conditions.
5. In the event of inclement weather affecting the normal operations of the school, it is likely that childcare services offered before & after school (breakfast club & afterschool club), including externally run extra-curricular clubs, will be cancelled. Parents/carers must be prepared to make alternative childcare arrangements in the event of school closures.
1. Home Learning will be set for children if the closure is likely to last more than one (1) school day, so work will be organised & communicated home from day two (2) of any prolonged closure. This will be communicated via class teachers using Seesaw.

Parents must allow time for the message system to filter through before making additional phone calls or setting off for school.

Please remember that any calls made to the school office number may not be answered due to staff not being able to get into school. An answer phone service is provided for 'out of hours' calls.

Any decision to close the school is a serious one and not taken lightly. The school will stay open if it is safe and possible to do so.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Selleck

Mrs Sarah Selleck
Headteacher

KS2 Parent Consultations in person	Wednesday 27 th November 4-7pm
KS2 Parent Consultations in person	Thursday 28 th November 5-8pm
Year R-6 Flu Vaccines	Wednesday 4 th December 9am-12.00pm
EYFS Nativity Performance	Thursday 5 th December 10.30am
KS1 Nativity Performance	Thursday 5 th December 2pm
Chorleywood Lantern Parade and Choir Singing	Friday 6 th December
Santa Dash with Mission Employable	Saturday 7 th December 11.30am
PSA Christmas Fair in the Junction	Friday 13 th December 3pm-5pm
Year 5 visit to Woodoaks Farm	Details to be confirmed
Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 18 th December
Christingle Service	Friday 20 th December 9:30am in church
Term Ends	Friday 20 th December 1:30pm
Christmas Holidays 2023	Monday 23 rd December to Tuesday 7 th January
SPRING TERM BEGINS CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Wednesday 8 th January

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